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R 131600Z SEP 76
FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA
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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 6533

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ZURICH PLEASE PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY

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SUBJ: PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S REMARKS ON SECRETARY'S MISSION

REF: MONROVIA 6508

1. IN A MEETING WITH TOLBERT AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION SEPTEMBER 13, SUBJECT OF FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS' TRAVELS TO DAR AND LUSAKA WAS RAISED. TO REITERATIONS MY CAVEATS MENTIONED IN REFTEL CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF A DENNIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, TOLBERT, WHO DID NOT SEEM UNDULY CONCERNED THAT A MEETING MIGHT NOT TAKE PLACE, SAID THAT IN ANY CASE HE WAS ANXIOUS FOR DENNIS TO RETURN TO MONROVIA IN ORDER TO HAVE HIS INPUTS INTO TOLBERT'S PREPARATION FOR STATE VISIT ON SUBJECT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. TOLBERT SAID HE WISHED TO ESTABLISH HIS IDENTITY WITH NYERERE AND KAUNDA ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND TO WORK OUT WITH THEM A STRATEGY. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY AS TO THE CONTENT OF HIS MESSAGES TO NYERERE AND KAUNDA, TOLBERT SAID HIS ARGUMENT TO THEM IS THAT THE PARTIES (HE OBVIOUSLY INCLUDED HIMSELF), MUST FOLLOW AS MANY PATHS AS POSSIBLE TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS AND NOT TAKE JUST ONE COURSE. HE SAID IT WAS A MISTAKE TO TALK ONLY OF VIOLENCE, THAT THE FIGHTING MUST BE
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ON ALL FRONTS INCLUDING APPEARLING TO HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS. HE

SAID HE HAD TOLD VORSTER THE SAME THING "IN THIS VERY ROOM."

2. HE ALSO SHOWED ME MESSAGE HE WAS SENDING TO POPE PAUL
ASKING INCREASED HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS ON HIS PART TO STOP
BLOODSHED IN SOUTH AFRICA AND BRING ABOUT CHANGE THERE.

3. PRESIDENT TOLBERT CONFIRMED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS
IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO MONROVIA EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 16.
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